

State of Louisiana  
Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)  
Materials and Testing Section Approved Materials Procedure  
for

**FLEXIBLE POSTS**

**MATERIAL SPECIFICATION REFERENCE:**

DOTD Standard Specifications, Subsection 1015.03, Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions.

**APPROVED MATERIAL EVALUATION SUBMITTAL:**

The manufacturer shall submit a completed Approved Materials Evaluation Submittal to the DOTD Materials and Testing Section Coordinator listed below.

**PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS:**

The complete submittal must include:

- Complete Approved Materials Evaluation Form
- Letter requesting evaluation of the material
- Product Data Sheets
- Manufacturer's specifications
- Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- AASHTO National Transportation Products Evaluation Program (NTPEP) Results

The address of the contact affiliated with AASHTO NTPEP is:

NTPEP Coordinator  
AASHTO National Transportation Products Evaluation Program  
444 N. Capitol St. N.W.  
Suite 249  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: (202) 624-3695  
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<http://data.ntpep.org>

For detailed information, refer to the Operational Procedures of the AASHTO NTPEP available from the NTPEP Coordinator.

NOTE: Evaluation will not begin until all required items listed above are received by the Materials Laboratory.

## **TEST REQUIREMENTS:**

### AASHTO NTPEP

Prior to submitting an “Approved Materials Evaluation Form” to the Materials and Testing Section, the manufacturer shall have successfully completed the requirements of the AASHTO NTPEP for Flexible Posts. The laboratory results obtained from the AASHTO NTPEP report will be used in the evaluation of this product. The flexible delineator post will be evaluated after impact for signs of deformation, tendency to list, and damage to sheeting along with other signs of distress. Of the flexible delineator post included in the evaluation, a minimum of fifty percent are required to provide adequate performance upon completion of the field testing.

### Evaluation Time (2 months)

## **GENERAL:**

Upon completion of the evaluation, the submitter will be notified in writing concerning the results of the evaluation and whether the product will or will not be added to the Approved Materials List (AML). The DOTD Materials and Testing Section Coordinator shall be notified in writing of any change from the original product submittal. The Department reserves the right to re-evaluate any product or individual material at any time. A Certificate of Compliance of the product shall be submitted annually to the DOTD Materials and Testing Section Coordinator to remain on the AML.

It is also the manufacturer’s responsibility to supply the contact information of the representative responsible for the material to the Materials Section Coordinator to remain on the AML. This is done by completing the Approved Materials Evaluation Form every two (2) years or when there is a change in the manufacturing representative responsible for the material.

## **PROJECT ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The inclusion of any products on the AML is not blanket approval for its use. All products, regardless of prior approval, shall be sampled in accordance with the Materials Sampling Manual.

## **DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL:**

Any material may be removed from the AML at any time. Causes for removal from the AML may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Non-conformance with specifications
- Performance requirements
- Failure to notify the Department of any change in material formulation.
- Failure of the supplier to provide proper certifications as required by this procedure
- Failing test results obtained by the Materials Section of project verification samples.
- Failure to supply current contact information for the material representative in accordance with this procedure.

**REQUALIFICATION:**

Any product which has been disqualified and/or removed from the AML will be considered for re-evaluation only after submission of a formal request along with acceptable evidence that the problems causing the disqualification and/or removal have been resolved.

**DOTD MATERIALS AND TESTING SECTION COORDINATOR**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Owens", is positioned above the printed name of the DOTD Materials Engineer Administrator.

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